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Sir:

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NOVEMBER 6, 2001 OFFICE ACTION AND PETITION FOR A ONE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action issued November 6, 2001 by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the November 6, 2001 Office Action was due February 6, 2002. Applicants hereby petition for a one month extension of time in which to respond to the November 6, 2001 Office Action. The fee for a one month extension of time for a large entity is ONE HUNDRED TEN DOLLARS (\$110.00) and a check for this amount is enclosed. With a one month extension of time, a response is due March 6, 2002. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please delete the paragraph on page 30, lines 27-32, and insert the following replacement paragraph:

In another embodiment, the nucleic acid is DNA. In another

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